

Redeemer

Presbyterian Church

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— Judges 12

The Lord's Service
July 5, 2015

Why a Confession of Sin?

Every week the congregation of Redeemer church corporately confesses our sin before God and seeks his mercy and forgiveness. Having a corporate confession of sin as part of the worship service has a long history in the Christian church, formally instituted in the 7th century, and renewed during the protestant reformation. Why do we do this?

First, the Bible is filled with confession of sin. There are many psalms that contain elements of confession, and certain psalms that are devoted entirely to confession (Psalm 51). In fact, Psalm 32 specifically addresses the danger of unconfessed sin: “When I kept silent my bones wasted away through my groaning.” In Nehemiah 9, after a lengthy recounting of Israel’s unfaithfulness to God, Nehemiah finishes his prayer corporately confessing the nations sin: “...We have acted wickedly. Our kings, our princes...have not kept your law or paid attention to your commandments and your warnings which you gave them.” The New Testament is filled with similar examples and commands to confess sin, not the least of which is Jesus himself who instructed us that we are to daily ask that God would “forgive our debts.” The Apostle John reminds us that “if we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves...but if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

Second, a confession of sin is particularly appropriate when we enter God’s presence for worship. The example of the prophet Isaiah is instructive. Isaiah 6 records Isaiah having a vision of God seated on his glorious throne, and surrounded by his heavenly hosts. What is Isaiah’s immediate response? He falls on his face and confesses his sin: “Woe is me, I am undone...for I am a man of unclean lips.” When men, even righteous men, are confronted with the glory and holiness of God, they immediately become aware of their own sinfulness. As one pastor has written, we don’t see “...anyone in the Bible stroll into God’s presence singing ‘I’ve got joy, joy, joy, joy, down in my heart.’”

Finally, *confession of sin gives our worship authenticity*. Psalm 66:18 says that “If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened.” Not only does failing to confess sins depart from the biblical model of approaching God, it also smacks of dishonesty. After all, *we are sinners* and God is holy. The church is not a haven of the spiritually strong who have it all figured out, we are broken sinners in various stages of recovery, completely dependent on the mercy and forgiveness of God for our salvation. We don’t just need a little help from God, we need to be saved from the wrath and curse of God. Praise God, we have such a Savior!

Scott Korljan, Pastor

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Greeting and Announcements

Prelude (*Silent Preparation for Worship*)

Order of Worship

Call to Worship Psalm 135:1-2

Pastor Scott Korljan

Praise the LORD!

Praise the name of the LORD, give praise,

O servants of the LORD,

who stand in the house of the LORD,

in the courts of the house of our God!

†**Opening Hymn** “Come, People of the Risen King” Bulletin Pg. 10

†**Invocation** Psalm 135:3-6

Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good;

sing to his name, for it is pleasant!

For the LORD has chosen Jacob for himself,

Israel as his own possession.

For I know that the LORD is great,

and that our Lord is above all gods.

Whatever the LORD pleases, he does,

in heaven and on earth,

in the seas and all deeps.

Let us pray.

†**The Greeting** 2 Thessalonians 1:2; 2 Corinthians 13:14

Grace to you and peace from God the Father, and the Son,

and the Holy Spirit.

Amen

†**Response** #34 “The God of Abraham Praise” (Verse 6 only)

The whole triumphant host gives thanks to God on high;

“Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!” they ever cry.

Hail, Abraham's God and mine! I join the heav'nly lays;

all might and majesty are thine, and endless praise.

Confession of Sin From Ephesians 2:12-13; 4:1

As the children of God, we are called to perfect obedience and conformity to Christ. Yet, because of our flesh we fall short and do not live in a manner worthy of the God who called us into his own kingdom and glory. Therefore, let us repent, confess our sins, and seek God's mercy and forgiveness.

Remember your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast love, for they have been from old. Remember not the sins of my youth, or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O Lord. For your name's sake, O Lord; pardon my guilt, for it is great. Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted. The troubles of my heart are enlarged; bring me out of my distresses. Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins.

Declaration of Forgiveness 1 Peter 1:3-4

Hear the good news!

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you. Brothers and sisters, having confessed your sins to Almighty God, and having believed in his Promise now fully realized in his Son, be at peace and know that your sins are forgiven.

†**Hymn Of Assurance** #705 "I Know Whom I Have Believed" (Vs. 1-3, 5)

Prayers of Intercession and the Lord's Prayer Elder Dennis Conant

New Testament Reading 2 John 1

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks Be to God!

Giving God Our Offerings

If you are seated on the center aisle, please pass the black Fellowship Pad for all visitor to sign.

†**Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

†**Sermon Text Reading** Judges 12

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Sermon “Civil War: A Great Threat to the Church”

Pastor Scott Korljan

Prayer of Application

†**Sermon Hymn** #457 “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Please be seated after singing the hymn

Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

We warmly welcome to the table all who trust in Jesus Christ for their salvation, have been baptized and have publicly professed their faith as members of any evangelical Christian church. We encourage families to come forward together, but ask that young children not partake of the elements until they have met with their Elders to make a profession of their faith. We encourage those not participating to spend this time reflecting on the prayers printed on Page 13. We hope these prayers will be helpful to you as you consider your relationship to Jesus Christ and His people, the church. Please note that the inner rings of cups in each communion tray contains non-alcoholic wine; the outer rings contain wine.

Affirmation of Faith The Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.**

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic* church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

(*universal)

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Consecration

The Lord be with you.

Ruth 2:4

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!

Lamentations 3:41

We lift them up to the Lord!

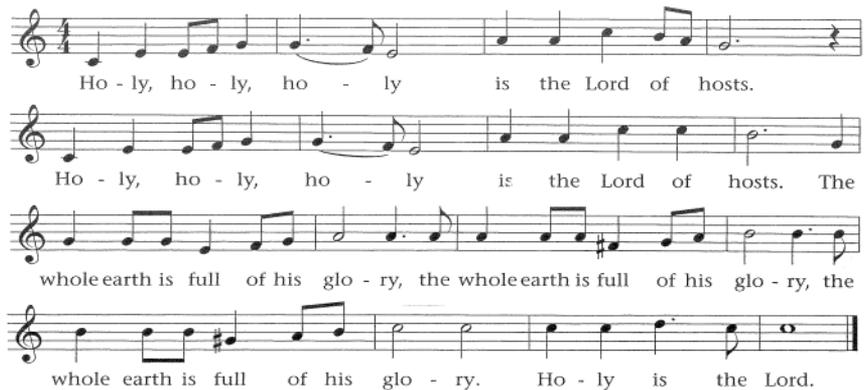
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Psalm 118:1

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly right to give you thanks and praise, eternal and ever blessed God Lord of heaven and earth. As we set apart these common elements of bread and wine for holy use, we ask you to bless them and use them to strengthen and edify your people. Your wisdom is seen in all your works; your grace and truth are revealed in Jesus Christ, your Son; your power and presence are given to us through your Holy Spirit. Therefore, with angels and all the company of heaven, and with the church on earth, we magnify your glorious Name, evermore praising you and singing:

Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts. The

whole earth is full of his glo - ry, the whole earth is full of his glo - ry, the

whole earth is full of his glo - ry. Ho - ly is the Lord.

Words of Institution

Communion Hymns

#429 “Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured”

#523 “My Hope Is in the Lord”

“See The Destined Day Arise” Bulletin Pg. 12

Prayer after Communion

We give thanks to you almighty God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of your Son, Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

†Dismissal #580 “Lead On, O King Eternal” (Verse 3)

Lead on, O King eternal, we follow, not with fears;
for gladness breaks like morning where e'er thy face appears;
thy cross is lifted o'er us; we journey in its light:
the crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might.

†Benediction

†Benediction Response “Three-fold Amen”

Postlude



Sermon Text

Judges 12

¹The men of Ephraim were called to arms, and they crossed to Zaphon and said to Jephthah, “Why did you cross over to fight against the Ammonites and did not call us to go with you? We will burn your house over you with fire.” ²And Jephthah said to them, “I and my people had a great dispute with the Ammonites, and when I called you, you did not save me from their hand. ³And when I saw that you would not save me, I took my life in my hand and crossed over against the Ammonites, and the Lord gave them into my hand. Why then have you come up to me this day to fight against me?” ⁴Then Jephthah gathered all the men of Gilead and fought with Ephraim. And the men of Gilead struck Ephraim, because they said, “You are fugitives of Ephraim, you Gileadites, in the midst of Ephraim and Manasseh.” ⁵And the Gileadites captured the fords of the Jordan against the Ephraimites. And when any of the fugitives of Ephraim said, “Let me go over,” the men of Gilead said to him, “Are you an Ephraimite?” When he said, “No,” ⁶they said to him, “Then say Shibboleth,” and he said, “Sibboleth,” for he could not pronounce it right. Then they seized him and slaughtered him at the fords of the Jordan. At that time 42,000 of the Ephraimites fell.

⁷Jephthah judged Israel six years. Then Jephthah the Gileadite died and was buried in his city in Gilead.

⁸After him Ibzan of Bethlehem judged Israel. ⁹He had thirty sons, and thirty daughters he gave in marriage outside his clan, and thirty daughters he brought in from outside for his sons. And he judged Israel seven years. ¹⁰Then Ibzan died and was buried at Bethlehem.

¹¹After him Elon the Zebulunite judged Israel, and he judged Israel ten years. ¹²Then Elon the Zebulunite died and was buried at Aijalon in the land of Zebulun.

¹³After him Abdon the son of Hillel the Pirathonite judged Israel. ¹⁴He had forty sons and thirty grandsons, who rode on seventy donkeys, and he judged Israel eight years. ¹⁵Then Abdon the son of Hillel the Pirathonite died and was buried at Pirathon in the land of Ephraim, in the hill country of the Amalekites.

Notes

Opening Hymn

“Come, People of the Risen King”

1. Come, peo - ple of the ris - en King, who de - light to bring Him praise. Come all, and tune your
 those whose joy is morn - ing sun, and those weep - ing through the night. Come, those who tell of
 young and old from ev - 'ry land, men and wo - men of the faith. Come, those with full or

6 F G Am F C F C/E

hearts to sing to the Morn - ing Star of grace. From the shift - ing sha - dows of the earth we will
 bat - tles won, and those strug - gling in the fight. For His per - fect love will nev - er change, and His
 emp - ty hands; find the rich - es of His grace. O - ver all the world His peo - ple sing; shore to

11 F C/E G F C C/E F G Am F C Refrain

lift oureyes to Him, where stead - y arms of mer - cy reach to — gath - er child - ren in.
 mer - cies nev - er cease, but fol - low us through all our days with the cer - tain hope of peace. } Re -
 shore we hear them call the Truth that cries through ev - 'ry age: “Our — God is all in all.” }

17 G F/G G F C G Am G F C/E Dm G

1.2.
 joyce! Re - joyce! Let ev - 'ry tongue re - joyce! One heart, one voice; oh, Church of Christ, re -

24 C C C

3. Dm G Gsus C

joice!

2.Come, Church of Christ, re - joice!

3.Come,

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble staff and a bass staff. The treble staff begins at measure 24 with a C chord. The melody is written in a treble clef. The bass staff is in a bass clef and provides a harmonic accompaniment. The score includes three endings. The first ending is marked with a '3.' and leads to a final chord. The second ending is marked '2.Come, Church of Christ, re - joice!' and the third ending is marked '3.Come,'. Chords are indicated above the treble staff: C, C, C, Dm, G, Gsus, and C. The lyrics are placed below the treble staff, and the second and third endings are placed below the bass staff.

Communion Hymn

“See The Destined Day Arise”



1. See the des - tined day a - rise! See a wil - ling sac - ri - fice!
2. Who but Christ had dared to drain, steeped in gall, the cup of pain,
3. Ho - ly Je - sus, grant us grace in that sac - ri - fice to place



Je - sus, to re - deem our loss, hangs up - on the shame - ful cross;
And with ten - der bo - dy bear thorns, and nails, and pierc - ing spear?
All our trust for life re - newed, Par - doned sin, and prom - ised good.



Je - sus, who but You could bear wrath so great and just - ice fair?
Slain for us, the wa - ter flowed, ming - led from your side with blood;
Grant us grace to sing your praise, 'round your throne through end - less days,



Ev - ery pang and bit - ter thro, fin - ish - ing your life of woe?
Sign to all at - tes - ting eyes of the fin - ished sac - ri - fice.
Ev - er with the sons of light: "Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, might!"



Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Lamb of God for sin - ners slain!



Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus Christ, we praise your name!

Individual Prayers for Communion

Prayer for Those Searching for the Truth

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

Prayer of Belief

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. I repent of my sins of self-ruling and self-saving. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross and offering forgiveness and new life. Thank you that my sin and rebellion are Yours, and Your righteous, perfect, and obedient life is mine through faith in You. Knowing that you died on the cross and have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive and rest upon you alone as my Savior and Lord. I now resolve in humble reliance on the Holy Spirit and through the power of the gospel graciously working in my life to walk in manner pleasing to You. Amen.

Prayer for those struggling with Sin

Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in You the fulfillment of all my need, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on You, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking to You, the pioneer and perfecter of my faith. Amen.

Prayer Requests

Redeemer Family:

- June Conant-Rusch who is recovering from a fractured hip
- Tony Pintcke who had a heart catheterization
- Pat Uhlhorn's daughter-in-law Dea, who is recovering from a stroke
- Bob Zimmer as he continues with his treatment for lymphoma
- Homebound: Dale Millward

Ministers, Missionaries, and Mission Churches

- Etiennes (Haiti), Millwards (New City church plant), Rowes (Taiwan), Reverend Brent Meyers (Spain) and all missionaries and their families.

For Churches in our Presbytery

- Tyrone Covenant Presbyterian Church, Fenton, Michigan : "Pray for Vacation Bible School and Mission trip plans for July. Also pray for unity in the Body of Christ and a spirit of grace when dealing with difficult issues."
- Providence Presbyterian, Lansing, Michigan: "Pray for God to lead and encourage us; to bless our outreach to the lost; to bring to us those who can work with us to build His church; and to keep us faithful in humbly following and depending on Him.."
- Reverend Peter Adams: "Pray for us at Hastings Reformed as we continue the process of joining the PCA. So far the congregation has been very favorable to the idea."

Serving Today:

Elder: Dennis Conant

Communion Set Up: Les & Mary Leone

Greeter: Pat Uhlhorn

Nursery Volunteer: Katie Gordon

Pianist: Connie Van Til

Special Music: John Daley

Refreshments: Surprise!

Sound Board: David Smith

Financials Through May 31st, 2015

Budgeted Expenses: \$102,555

Actual Expenses: \$ 94,137

*Giving & Rentals: \$ 93,660

(*Includes \$8,750 in Rental Income)

Announcements

Staffed Nursery Available - for infant to 4 years old. Please see a Deacon or Greeters for directions to the Nursery.

Adult & Youth Sunday School on summer break

Detroit Project Offering - Next Sunday

2nd Wednesday Work Group - Meets on Wednesday from 9 AM till Noon

Ladies Book Study - Will meet at Church on Saturday July 25th from 9:30 - 11 AM. We will discuss Chapter 9 of Idols of the Heart.

Clothing Corner: Is open for business downstairs! Head down and check out what we have available and bring in any items you want to donate. See Maggie Cairns with any questions.

Volunteers Needed: If you have an interest in coordinating a summer BBQ and outreach event to our community this summer (mid/late August), please contact any elder or deacon as soon as possible. If you have interest in coordinating a fall harvest festival (similar to last year) please see Fred Weber. We need a volunteer for both events if we hope to have them.

This week at Redeemer:

Ladies Psalm 119 Study - Tuesday starting at 9:30 AM

Prayer Gathering - Tuesday from Noon to 1 PM

Men's Study - Thursday starting at 7:30 AM

Serving Next Sunday, July 12th:

Elder: Fred Weber

Communion Set Up: Chris & Nikki Millward

Greeter: Sean & Mary Doran

Nursery Volunteer: Lindsay Korljan

Pianist: Connie Van Til

Refreshments: Carol DeVries

Sound Board: Ralph Kott

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